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TOPEC FOR WILLIAMS; RD AND BACHAND; OSS FROM ZABRISKIE

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: CDES

SUBJECT: DROWNING OF AMERICAN CIT. DAVIS, ROBERT E.

REF: ACCRA 6110

1. PCV'S ACCOMPANYING DAVIS WERE: ALTHEA RUDD, DAMIAN GAGNON, DONALD ROUND, AND MARILYN RENEE HUDSON. THEY DID NOT STOP BY PC/ACCRA ON WAY BACK TO PC/UV.

2. THE POLICE REPORT HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED YET, BUT DETAILS ARE: DAVIS, RUDD AND HUDSON WERE SWIMMING WHEN THEY WERE CAUGHT BY CURRENT WHICH SEPARATED HUDSON FROM THE OTHER TWO. AS HUDSON FOUGHT WAY BACK TO SHORE SHE SAW DAVIS AND RUDD STRUGGLING IN THE WATER. WHEN HUDSON ARRIVED AT BEACH AND LOOKED BACK, SHE SAW ONLY RUDD MAKING HER WAY TO SHORE. SHE DID NOT SEE DAVIS AGAIN. RUDD STATED THAT AFTER SHE AND DAVIS WERE SWEEPED AWAY FROM HUDSON, SHE LOST SIGHT OF DAVIS AND DID NOT SEE HIM AGAIN. RUDD WAS HELPED TO SHORE BY LOCAL VILLAGERS.

3. A SEARCH WAS MADE AS SOON AS THE ALARM WAS RAISED. ROUND, GAGNON AND LOCAL FISHERMAN SEARCHED THE AREA WHERE DAVIS HAD LAST BEEN SIGHTED, BUT TO NO AVAIL. THE BODY HAS STILL NOT BEEN RECOVERED.

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4. NO USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY THE FATHER COMING TO GHANA.

5. WILL POUCH POLICE REPORTS TO PC/IO/OSS AND TO SCS AS SOON AS RECEIVED. LINEHAN

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